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SUBJ: UNDP - 18TH GOVERNING COUNCIL - ITEM 2,

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JUNE 5 ADOPTED AGENDA AS SET FORTH IN DP/41 AND DP/52 WITH ADDITION OF ITEM ON "EXAMINATION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BASIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNDP AND THE VARIOUS RECIPIENT COUNTRIES." THIS ITEM, PROPOSED BY CUBA, SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED NEAR END OF SESSION.

2. COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED SCHEDULE OF WORK AS SET FORTH IN DP/55, REV. 1 WITH ADDITION OF ITEM 3, "MANAGEMENT OF PROGRAM EXPENDITURES IN RELATION TO INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES." THIS ITEM, WHICH COUNCIL SECRETARY SAID WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED, IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION JUNE 6 FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF ITEM 3(A) ON APPROVAL OF COUNTRY PROGRAMS.

3. DP/55 REV.1 OMITS ITEM 4(D), "CUSTODIANSHP OF UNDP FUNDS," WHICH WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO 19TH SESSION. DISCUSSION OF OTHER SUB-ITEMS UNDER ITEM 4 SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNE 6.

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4. COMMENT: ADDITIONAL ITEM PROPOSED BY CUBA PLACED ON AGENDA

AT INSISTENCE OF USSR DESPITE WIDESPREAD VIEW THAT ADEQUATE PREPARATION BY UNDP ADMINISTRATION WILL BE DIFFICULT DUE TO SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR ALREADY CROWDED AGENDA AND TO UNAVAILABILITY IN MANILA OF UNDP PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MATTER. REASONS FOR CUBAN PROPOSAL NOT STATED, BUT IT APPEARS THAT CUBA WISHES TO RAISE QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP OF PATENTS FOR DISCOVERIES RESULTING FROM RESEARCH RECEIVING UNDP FUNDING (I.E., UNDP VS. RECIPIENT COUNTRY). CUBA IS ALSO SAID TO BELIEVE THAT CERTAIN CLAUSES IN BASIC STANDARD AGREEMENT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH UN CHARTER AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS. UNDP ADMINISTRATION IS BELIEVED HOPEFUL THAT NEAR END OF SESSION HEAVY AGENDA WILL INDUCE COUNCIL TO DEFER ITEM UNTIL 19TH SESSION AND THAT MEANWHILE SOME OF PROBLEMS CAN BE WORKED OUT ADMINISTRATIVELY WITH CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

5. COUNCIL SECRETARY'S CLARIFICATION RE ITEM 3, FOLLOWING INTERVENTIONS BY US AND PAKISTAN, REMOVED FEAR THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS CONTROVERSIAL MATTER MIGHT BE SUBMERGED IN BROAD DISCUSSION OF ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR 1973 (ITEM 5).

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